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1. WORLD BANK REP GUETTAS RPT GUETTAS RP ACCOUNT OF GECAMINES
EXPANSION PLANS CONFLICT IN SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT DETAILS WITH
INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE. ACCORDING TO HIGHEST COMPANY OFFICIALS,
INCLUDING UMBA HIMSELF, APPROACH NOW ENVISIONED WOULD BE COORDINATED
BY GECAMINES AND CONSISTS OF 14 INDIVIDUAL TURNKEY PROJECTS
CONCEIVABLY INVOLVING 14 DIFFERENT CONTRACTORS.

2. ACCORDING TO USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES, BECAUSE OF TIME ELEMENT,
AT BEGINNING OF YEAR MOST COMPANY DECISION MAKERS FAVORED SINGLE
CONSTRUCTOR-MANAGER WITH OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENTIRE
PROJECT. SAME DECISION MAKERS NOW WILLING TO ABIDE BY POLITICAL
DECISION TO INVOLVE WORLD BANK IN INDUSTRIAL FINANCING. ALTHOUGH
FREE TO BID ON ALL MODULES, OF US FIRMS ON APRIL TASK FORCE ONLY
PARSONS-JURDENS RPT PARSONS-JURDENS DID NOT DECLINE TO
COMPETE UNDER WORLD BANK RULES. (TORKELSON RPT TORKELSON, PARTI-
TIPANT
IN LATER TRADE MISSION, BELIEVED INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON SEVEN
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SMALL MODULES). GECAMINES BELIEVES THAT EVEN PARSONS-JURDENS

INTEREST MAYBE WANNING SINCE COMPANY HAS NOT REPLIED TO MAY
INVITATION TO BID ON FLASH SMELTER RPT FLASH SMELTER.

3. INVITATIONS FOR DEFINITIVE BIDS ISSUED JULY 1 FOR THREE MOST
TIME-CRITICAL MODULES. INVITATIONS FOR BIDS ON REMAINING MODULES
EXPECTED TO BE ISSUED BEFORE END OF MONTH. ONE COMPANY SUC-
CESSFULLY BIDS GO CONSTRUCT ALL OR MOST OF 14 MODULES IT MIGHT BE
ASKED TO MANAGE ENTIRE PROJECT BUT BELIEVING THIS UNLIKELY,
GECAMINES IS PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO MANAGE ENTIRE PROJECT ITSELF.
SEPARATE PARMENT NOW BEING FORMED TO COORDINATE PROJECT.
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